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PROCEEDINGS.

OXFORD, N. C., October 18, 1849.

The members of the Convention assembled in the Baptist Church at 2 o'clock, P. M., and having been called to order, Elder D. S. Williams, 1st Vice President, in the absence of the Hon. Alfred Dockery, the President of the last Convention, took the chair, and after reading the 104th Psalm, singing and prayer, by Elder James McDaniel, of Wilmington, the Convention proceeded to business.

Delegates appeared from the following Associations, Churches, and other religious bodies.

Beulah Association—Nathaniel J. Palmer, William Ward, Robert B. Jones, Elder J. J. James, Dr. William A. Shaw, Archibald McDowell, John H. Lacy, Elder S. Pleasant, Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, Bedford Brown, Thomas Yarbrough, and John W. Hart;

Brier Creek Association—Elder S. P. Smith.

Chowan Association—Dr. G. C. Moore, and Dr. S. G. Wheeler.

Cape Fear Association—

Flat River Association—J. P. Montague and L. B. Stone.

Union Association—Elder J. McDaniel.

Pee Dee Association—Gen. A. Dockery, *absent*.

Raleigh Association—Elders J. B. White, Thomas Meredith, David S. Williams, A. Willams, Elder J. J. Finch, J. S. Purify, L. C. Hinton, Brethren Wm. M. Crenshaw, J. D. Davis, George W. Thompson, Peyton A. Dunn, William R. Trawick, B. F. Biddle, and William Hooper, D. D.

Liberty Association—Elder Wm. Turner, *absent*.

Sandy Creek Association—Moses Baldwin.

Yadkin Association—William B. Fort, J. H. Fort, and A. Roby.

Tar River Association—Elder Thomas Wilcox, Jeremiah Solomon, Nathan Green, and Wm. Crudup.

FROM CHURCHES.

Hester's—James H. Hobgood.

Raleigh—P. F. Pescud, M. B. Royster, Elders T. Meredith and J. J. Finch.

Sandy Cross—Elder Q. H. Trotman.

Edenton—Elders Aaron Jones, Thomas Waff.

Sawyer's Creek—Willis S. Grandy.

Cashie—William Falk, J. R. Rainer.

Elizabeth City—C. R. Hendrickson, Edward W. Burges.

Rocky Hock—John B. Webb.

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Capehart's—Thomas Waff.

Milton—Elder J. J. James.

Mar's Hill—A. D. Blackwood, H. C. Strowd, James M. Ward.

Holly Grove—A. J. Askew.

Newbern—J. M. C. Breaker.

Fork Church—C. W. Bessent.

Cedar Falls—Moses Baldwin.

Eaton's Church—Thomas Prichard, Jackson Blackwood.

Rockford—Samuel C. Tatum.

Louisburg—Guilford Lewis.

Olive Branch—J. F. Neal.

Flat River Union—David Olmstead.

Island Ford—A. Roby.

FROM RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Missionary Society of the Ahoskey Church—A. J. Askew, William W. Mitchell.

Bethlehem Missionary Society—A. J. Askew.

BY INDIVIDUALS.

Contribution of Mrs. Elizabeth Washington—Elder R. J. Devin

Do. of William Blount—Elder William Jones.

“ of Mrs. Sarah Norcott—Elder William H. Jordan

On motion, P. F. Pescud, E. M. Burges, and William W. Mitchell, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, a committee was appointed to arrange the Religious exercises during the Session of the Convention: Committee consists of R. J. Devin, Hamilton Hester, N. J. Palmer, James B. Hobgood, and Williamson Parham.

On motion, Elder T. Meredith, Elder James McDaniel and A. J. Askew, were appointed to nominate officers of the Convention, other than the President, and report to-morrow morning.

On motion, a committee was appointed, to arrange the order of business of the Convention: committee consists of D. S. Williams, N. J. Palmer, J. B. White, C. R. Hendrickson, and L. B. Stone.

On motion of N. J. Palmer,

Resolved, That the President of the Convention appoint committees of five on each of the following subjects, to-wit: Education, Foreign Missions, and Domestic Missions.

On motion of Professor J. B. White,

Resolved, That on the introduction of any subject, not clearly within the constitutional objects of the Convention, the President shall declare the same inadmissible, which decision shall be final, unless overruled by a majority of the Convention.

On motion of the same,

Resolved, That the hours of meeting of the Convention until otherwise ordered, shall be at 10 o'clock, A. M., a recess to be taken at half past 12, until 3, P. M.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder T. Meredith.

At night the opening sermon of the Convention, in the absence of Prof. Wm. T. Brooks appointed for that purpose, was delivered in the Baptist Church by Elder C. R. Hendrickson of Elizabeth City, from Matthew 31 chapter, part of the 11th vs. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 18th.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after the reading of the 19th Psalm by the President, and prayer by President White of Wake Forest College.

The roll of members was then called by the Clerk, and the names of those arrived since the last evening enrolled.

The proceedings of yesterday were read, and the necessary corrections made.

Correspondents from State Conventions and Associations were asked to present themselves; when Elder S. A. Creath was received as a correspondent from the General Association of Virginia.

Ministering brethren were also invited to take seats with the Convention.

The Vice President appointed the following members to compose the committees directed to be appointed on yesterday.

On Education—Messrs. Hendrickson, White, Askew, Lacy, and Lewis.

Foreign Missions—Messrs. Meredith, James, McDaniel, Finch, and Stone.

Home Missions—Messrs. Shaw, Trotman, McDaniel, Jones, and Montague.

The report of the committee appointed to arrange the business of the Convention, was presented and adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of their President, when in counting the ballots it appeared that Elder James McDaniel of Wilmington, having received a majority of all the votes, was elected; who was then conducted to the chair by President White and Elder D. S. Williams, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the Convention.

Elder Meredith from the committee appointed to nominate the remaining officers recommended,

Elder D. S. Williams, 1st Vice President.

Hon. Calvin Graves, 2d do.

Dr. G. C. Moore, 3d do.

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw of Milton, Corresponding Secretary.

N. J. Palmer, Esq., of Milton, Recording Secretary.

Elder James S. Purify of Forestville, Treasurer.

Prof. W. T. Brooks of Wake Forest College, Auditor.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Convention, and the officers recommended were appointed.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Elder Thomas Meredith, the amendment of the Constitution in order to Life Members and Life Directors, offered at the last Convention, was referred to the same Committee, with the addition of President J. B. White and Elder R. I. Devin.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Convention was presented and read by N. J. Palmer, Recording Secretary.

On motion of President White, the report was recommitted to the Board and directed to be taken up to-morrow morning.

The Convention agreed to give place for a meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society this evening at 3 o'clock, and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. J. Finch.

At night the Rev. Thomas J. Bowen, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, Missionary to Central Africa, preached in the Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, October 20.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after reading the 72d Psalm by the President, singing and prayer by Elder Q. H. Trotman.

The roll of members was called, and additional names enrolled. The proceedings of yesterday were read, and the proper corrections made.

Elder James B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, were announced by the President, and received as Correspondents from those Boards, as also from the General Association of Virginia.

Elder T. J. Bowen, recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Missionary to Central Africa, was also announced, and invited to take a seat in the Convention.

The report of the Board of Managers as reported back by the Board, with a slight amendment, was taken up as the order of the morning. Prof. White moved to strike out that portion of the same, which related to the establishment of a Female College, which motion produced some discussion. The report, as it stood, being advocated by Messrs. Palmer, James, McDowell and Purify, and opposed by Messrs. White, Meredith, Finch and Trotman, the motion was lost, and the report accepted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

The following Resolution was offered by Elder Q. H. Trotman:
Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held with the Baptist Church in the Town of Louisburg, Franklin County, N. C., which, on motion, was for the present, laid on the table.

A letter was received and read from the Mill Creek Church, in Person County, recommending Robert B. Jones, a licentiate of that Church, as a Beneficiary of the Convention, in the Education Department, which was referred to the Board.

A letter was also received and read from the Clerk of the Tar River Association, requesting the Convention to send them a missionary, which on motion, was referred to the Board.

Reports from correspondents to neighboring Conventions and Associations, and also of the Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, was called for and made so far as they attended.

The Convention then proceeded to appoint correspondents to neighboring State Conventions and Associations, as follows:

To the General Association of Virginia, to meet at Hampton, Va. on the Friday before the 1st Sabbath in June next—Elders, Trotman, Hendrickson, Aaron Jones, Waff, William Jones, G. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify, Fory, Brethen Dr. G. C. Moore, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, John H. Lacy and P. F. Pescud.

To the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, to meet at Edgefield C. H., Friday before 2nd Sabbath in December—Elders Meredith, Blackwood, Finch, McDaniel, J. S. Purify, N. A. Purify, Brantly, J. Monroe, H. Lennon and N. J. Palmer.

To the North Carolina Western Baptist Convention, to meet on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in August next—Elders J. J. James, S. P. Smith, William Jones, N. A. Purify, Thomas Meredith, L. C. Hinton, George W. Purify, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, J. M. C. Breaker, William T. Walters, Hon. Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Thomas Miller.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, to be located in Milton, N. C., who reported the following:

Gen. B. Graves,	Joseph J. Yarbrough,
Gen. Wm. Lea,	La Fayette Bennett,
Samuel Wait, D. D.,	Sidney S. Lea,
John Kerr, Esq.,	Prof. J. B. White,
Elder J. J. James,	Thomas Meredith,
Rev. A. McDowell,	Rev. L. C. Hinton,
John H. Lacy,	Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw,
Thomas S. Yarbrough,	George W. Thompson, Esq.,
A. G. Stevens,	Peyton A. Dunn, Esq.,
Augustin Timberlake,	Isaac Winston, Esq.

The report was *unanimously* concurred in by the Convention.

On motion, the Convention agreed to hold a session to-night, at

early candle light, to hear and consider the report of the committee on Education.

The order of the Convention heretofore made to adjourn at half past 12 o'clock, M., was rescinded.

The resolution offered by Elder Trotman, fixing the place of meeting of the next Convention at Louisburg, was taken up. The President of the Convention then gave an invitation in behalf of the Baptist church at Wilmington, to hold their next session at that place. After a few remarks by Messrs. Palmer and Lewis, the Resolution of Elder Trotman, was adopted—so the Convention agreed to hold their next annual meeting at Louisburg, N. C., commencing at the same time as heretofore.

On motion, Professor J. B. White was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Professor Wm. T. Brooks his alternate: Elder James McDaniel to preach the Missionary sermon, and Elder L. C. Hinton his alternate.

Elders Wm. H. Jordan and Wm. Hooper, I.L. D., appeared and took their seats in the convention.

The Convention having agreed to give way this afternoon, to the Anniversary meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, adjourned to meet at early candle light. Prayer by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after prayer by Elder J. J. James.

Brethren Thomas S. Yarbrough and John W. Hunt from the Beulah Association appeared and took their seats.

The report of the committee on Education was called for, presented, and read, by Elder C. R. Hendrickson. Its acceptance was moved by Dr. Shaw, of Milton, Elders A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, Wm. H. Jordan, of Warrenton, J. R. Taylor, of Richmond, C. H. Hendrickson, and Prof. White, of Wake Forest College, addressed the Convention in sustaining the report, particularly that portion in relation to the importance of educating pious young men for the ministry. At the request of the Convention, Elder Taylor led in prayer, that God would raise up an increased number of his faithful ministers. The question was then taken on the adoption of the report, and it was *unanimously* carried in the affirmative.

The following Resolution was offered by Elder A. D. Blackwood:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches in this State, to observe the Saturday before the second Sabbath in December next, as a day of fasting and prayer for an increase of ministers in this State, and that the ministers urge this upon the minds of their brethren.

ren, and also that the prayers of our ministers and people to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest, should be more prominently brought before our churches, in the sanctuary, and at the family altar.

Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the Biblical Recorder and Baptist Messenger.

The Convention agreed to hold a prayer meeting in the Baptist Church to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, in especial reference to Home Missions. It was also agreed that on Sunday night the services be devoted to the cause of Foreign missions, and that Elders Bowen and Taylor lead in the same.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. Christian Doxology and Benediction by the President.

SUNDAY, October 20, 1849.

In the morning at nine o'clock, a Conventional prayer meeting was held in the Baptist Church. After reading a portion of the word of God, singing and prayer, Elder Wm. Jones, the General Agent of the Convention, being called upon, gave a cheering account of the work of God in the different Baptist Churches in this State, stating that the revivals of religion had been very extensive, and almost exclusively in the Baptist Churches and Congregations.

At 11 o'clock, the Annual Missionary sermon was delivered, by Elder J. J. James, agreeably to the appointment of the last Convention, from the 1st Epistle of John, 5th chapter, 8th verse.

At the same hour, Elder A. M. Poindexter preached in the Presbyterian church, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter, 21st verse.

In the afternoon, Elder James McDaniel, President of the Convention, preached in the Baptist church, from the 90th psalm, 14th verse.

Owing to the inclemency of the day, raining almost incessantly, the congregations were not as large as usual on such occasions. A deep seriousness and solemn attention was evidently manifested, while they listened to the word of life.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The President of the Convention having taken the chair, the services were opened, by reading portions of the 11th and 12th chapters of the Prophecy of the prophet Isaiah, and prayer by Elder Meredith.

After a few appropriate remarks by the President, he introduced to the congregation the Rev. T. J. Bowen, recently appointed one of the missionaries of the Southern Foreign Mission Board to Central Africa, who addressed the assembly for some time, in relation to his christian experience, and the operations or workings of his own mind, in reference to the Foreign mission field, and the con-

clusion resulting in the determination to enter it at all hazards, and to go among a people to whom the Gospel of Christ never had been sent. He also gave a description of the field of labor into which he was about to embark. His appearance and earnestness of manner enlisted a strong feeling of sympathy in his behalf, and deep interest in the success of his mission. The audience was also addressed by Elders Hendrickson, Poindexter, James, Taylor, and N. J. Palmer, Esq.. On a proposition being made by the latter, twenty individuals united with him in subscriptions of five dollars each, towards the support of the mission, making up the sum of one hundred dollars. About fifty dollars more were contributed by the congregation for the same object.

During the exercises, special prayer was offered in behalf of this and the other missions under the direction of the Board, by Elders, Bowen, Taylor and James. The meeting throughout was one of intense interest. At the conclusion the benediction was pronounced by Elder Wm. H. Jordan, the congregation united in singing the missionary's farewell, during which the members of the Convention and others present passed by Elder Bowen, who was standing on the platform in front of the pulpit, giving him the parting hand.

The following are those who united in the subscription of five dollars each, towards the Central mission to Africa: N. J. Palmer, James S. Purify, Mrs. Mary Williams, James B. Taylor, J. J. James, Mrs. Esther Bell, Dr. A. J. Askew, John H. Lacy, M. B. Royster, W. S. Grandy, S. A. Creath, Aaron Jones, Miss C. Stevenson, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. E. Washington, S. C. Tatum, A. D. Blackwood, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw, and Wm. Falk.

Other contributions of a like or larger amount were made, but the names of the donors were not given to the Secretary.

MONDAY MORNING, October 22.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after reading the 103rd Psalm, singing and prayer, by Elder Wm. Hooper, D. D.

The roll of members was called and the proceedings of Saturday were read by the Secretary.

Elder J. M. C. Breaker from the Newbern Church, William Crudup, from the Tar River, appeared and took their seats.

Elder Thomas Meredith, from the Committee on Foreign missions, made a report which was read. Its acceptance was moved by Elder J. J. James, and Elder J. B. Taylor addressed the Convention in support of the report. Dr. Shaw made a statement to the Convention, in relation to the Island of Honduras, and the Baptist missionary operations there. The report was then *unanimously* adopted.

The committee on the subject of the amendment of the constitution in relation to life memberships, having failed to prepare any report, were, at the request of the chairman, discharged from the further consideration of the report, and the same referred to the Convention. Brother N. J. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment as proposed by Elder Wm. Jones, at the last convention, as follows: "Any regular member of the Baptist church by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars, to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he continues a member in good standing in the Baptist church to which he belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, or in instalments, may become a life member of the Board of Managers."

The question being taken, the amendment was adopted by a majority of more than two-thirds of the Convention.

Elder William Jones, General Agent of the convention, made his annual report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

Elder Jones having stated in his report that he was detained at or near home about two months by sickness in his family, and it having been represented to the convention that during that time he was operating in his agency as opportunity offered, in the vicinity of his residence, On motion of Elder Meredith, he was allowed the full amount of his year's salary.

Brother P. F. Pescud, from the committee of Finance, made their report, which, after some corrections, was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Elders. J. J. James, J. S. Purify, and brother N. J. Palmer were appointed to confer with Elder Wm. Jones, in relation to the continuance of his agency. The committee subsequently made a report recommending the continuance of Elder Jones as general agent for the ensuing year, upon the same terms as heretofore, which report, on motion of brother Lacy, was unanimously adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Recording Secretary have two thousand copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed.

On motion of Elder Meredith, the Recording Secretary, brother N. J. Palmer, was allowed fifty dollars for his services, as Secretary of the Convention, and also as Secretary of the Board of Managers at Milton the past year.

On motion, Elder A. M. Poindexter of Virginia, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society was *unanimously* invited to address the convention at three o'clock this afternoon, in relation to the operations and objects of that Society.

The Convention then gave way for a meeting of the Board of Managers, and adjourned until three o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder J. M. C. Breaker.

N. B. Rev. Dr. Hooper preached in the Presbyterian church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Q. H. Trotman in the Baptist church at night.

MONDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The convention met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Thomas Wilcox.

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, from the committee on Home Missions, made a report which was read, and on motion, accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Elder A. M. Poindexter, agreeably to the invitation of the convention given in the morning, appeared before them and addressed them as well as a crowded audience, at considerable length, and in an animated, eloquent and forcible manner, at the conclusion of his address. On motion of Elder J. J. James, a committee was appointed to wait on the members and congregation and receive subscriptions and contributions in aid of the funds of the Southern Baptist Publication Society. An amount of nearly two hundred dollars was realized in cash or subscriptions.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by brother N. J. Palmer, and unanimously adopted :

The Convention having heard with pleasure and great satisfaction the address of Rev. A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and impressed with the importance of supplying our denomination in the South, and others with our own books and publications : Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention do hereby heartily commend the objects of that Society to the zealous and united support of our brethren and friends throughout the State of North Carolina.

The Convention having gone through with all of its business, the following resolutions were offered by brother N. J. Palmer, accompanied with some remarks, commendatory of the citizens of Oxford for the kind and repeated invitations to the Convention to hold a session among them, and for their very ample and hospitable entertainment of its members whilst with them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of Oxford, and its vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members during their session here. Also, for the kind and flattering invitations heretofore given by our friends here of the different denominations to hold our annual meetings among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention is also tendered to our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren, for the tender and use of their houses of worship during the meeting.

On motion, the Convention then agreed to adjourn, *sine die*.

The President then rose and delivered a short but feeling and

appropriate address to the members, congratulating them on the great harmony which characterized the session, and the close of their deliberations. At his request, Elder Wm. H. Jordan offered the closing prayer. A parting Hymn was then sung, and the convention dismissed by the benediction of the President.

The next session of the convention will be held with the church in Louisburg, Franklin County, N. C., commencing on the Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1850.

JAMES McDANIEL, President.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

—
 OXFORD, October 22, 1849.

The newly appointed Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, met in the Baptist Church immediately after the adjournment of the Convention in the forenoon. Present,

Elder James McDaniel, President, N. J. Palmer, Secretary, Elders T. Meredith, J. J. James, James S. Purify, J. B. White, Wm. A. Shaw, Langdon C. Hinton, A. McDowell, and brethren John H. Lacy, George W. Thompson, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw and Thos. S. Yarbrough.

The members of the Convention present and ministering brethren in attendance, were invited to take seats with the Board, and aid them in their deliberations.

The letter referred to the Board by the Convention, from the Mill Creek church, Person County, in relation to brother Robert B. Jones, a licentiate of that church, becoming a Beneficiary of the Convention, and from the Cedar Falls church in Randolph County, in relation to brother Moses Baldwin, a licentiate of that church also desiring to become a beneficiary, were taken up for consultation.

Brother Jones was first examined as to his Christian experience, and call to the ministry, and the doctrines of the Baptist Church, all of which was satisfactory. Satisfactory testimonials were also given as to his moral and Christian character. On motion, he was *unanimously* received as a beneficiary for six months.

Brother Baldwin was likewise examined, and satisfactory testimonials also given, as to his character, when, on motion, he was *unanimously* received as a beneficiary of the Convention for six months.

It is understood that these appointments continue longer, if the means of the Convention, and the course of conduct of the beneficiaries justify it.

The Board adjourned until half past six o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. Jones.

MONDAY EVENING, 6 o'clock.

The Board met according to adjournment. Present: Elder Jas. McDaniel, President, N. J. Palmer, Secretary, George W. Thompson, J. B. White, J. B. Jones, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Thomas Meredith, A. McDowell, James S. Purify, Dr. Wm. M. Crenshaw, J. J. James, and Dr. Wm. A. Shaw.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder Jas. S. Purify, of Forestville.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the amounts due at Wake Forest College, for the board and tuition of beneficiaries, out of the Education fund in his hands.

The communication from Elder John Robertson, one of the missionaries of the Convention, being read, on motion the settlement of his salary and his re-appointment, was referred to the next meeting of the Board at Milton.

The report of Elder S. G. O'Bryan, missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Lexington and Statesville, was read, and on motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay Elder S. G. O'Bryan the sum of \$42 88 cts., the balance due him as per his report.

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow five hundred dollars, or a sufficient amount to pay all dues from the Convention to the Missionaries and others.

On motion it was ordered, that the Treasurer pay to Elder A. D. Blackwood, Missionary to the Flat River Association, seventy five dollars, the amount due him as per his report.

It is also ordered, that the Treasurer pay to Elder S. P. Smith, Missionary to the Brier Creek Association, seventy five dollars, the balance due him as per his report.

On motion it is ordered, that the Board appropriate fifty dollars towards the support of brother James C. Jackson, a licentiate of Hester's church in Granville County, now at Wake Forest College for the ensuing year.

On motion, Elder Richard Jacks was appointed a Missionary to the Liberty Association for six months, they agreeing to pay one half of his salary.

On motion, Elder Jos. G. Barkley is appointed a missionary of the Convention to the Counties of Tyrrell and Washington, for 12 months—the Convention agreeing to pay one hundred and fifty dollars towards his salary.

Brother Wm. T. Walters, of Virginia, was appointed a missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Charlotte, Mocksville and Statesville, for 12 months, with a salary of \$25 per month.

Elder S. P. Smith was appointed a missionary to labor within the bounds of the Brier Creek and Jefferson Associations, for six months, commencing in the ensuing spring, at the rates of \$25 per month—the Board agreeing to provide for one half of his salary.

At the request of the Beulah Association, Elder Elias Dodson

was re-appointed their missionary for 12 months, they agreeing to provide for his support. Elder Dodson is requested to preach stately in the town of Greensborough, N. C.

On motion, Elder D. S. Williams was appointed a Missionary of the Convention, for the Counties of Wayne and Johnston, for the ensuing year, relying upon the field of labor for his support.

The account of the Secretary for postage, blank book and other contingent expenses amounting to \$4 25 was directed to be paid by the Treasurer.

The balance of the business before the Board was referred to its next meeting at Milton.

The Board then adjourned. Prayer by Dr. W. A. Shaw.

JAMES McDANIEL, President.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

MILTON, N. C., October 27, 1849.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention met at the office of N. J. Palmer, at 3 o'clock, P. M., present, Gen. B. Graves, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, A. McDowell, John H. Lacy, Thos. S. Yarbrough and Albert G. Stevens.

Brother Graves, chairman of the last Board, took the chair, and at his request, the proceedings were opened with prayer by Elder James.

The Secretary called the list of the Board and read the proceedings of the two meetings held in Oxford.

On motion, brother B. Graves was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Board.

The letter of Elder John Robertson, in relation to the balance due him for his services as Missionary for the past year, and his application to be appointed Missionary for the Counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, was taken up, and on motion, the Secretary was directed to correspond with him, in relation to his claim, and submit his answer to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, Elder Robertson was appointed a missionary for the Counties of Rockingham, Guilford and Forsyth, for 12 months, to rely upon his field of labor for two-thirds of his salary.

Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed a missionary for three months, to the town of Hillsboro' and its vicinity.

On motion, Elder J. B. Solomon was appointed a missionary of the Convention to labor within the bounds of the Yadkin Association for twelve months, and to preach stately in the town of Rockford, the said Association to provide for two-thirds of his salary.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Tar River Association, requesting the Convention to send them a Missionary. The Secretary was directed to write them an answer, stating, that owing to

the low state of our Treasury at this time, the Board regret they cannot comply with their request, unless they provide for a good portion of his support.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Moderator of the Union Association, requesting that on the appointment of their Missionaries, they place them on the same footing as the Missionary of the Beulah Association, thereby entitling them to representation in the Convention in the amount paid them, and enabling the report of the Board to show the amount of missionary labor performed by the Baptist denomination in this State.

A letter from a Committee of the Raleigh Church was presented and read, requesting the Board to aid them in the employment of pastor for that Church. The Secretary was directed to write them, stating that, while the Board have every disposition to comply with their request, the present state of the finances of the Convention will not admit of it.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention was directed to issue a circular to the ministers, Churches, and friends, of the Convention throughout the State, urging them to raise funds as early as practicable, and forward them to the Treasurer, so as to meet all of the present engagements of the Board, and to enable them to supply the present urgent demand for missionary labor.

On motion, and at the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary of the Board was requested to act as assistant Treasurer, so far as to receive funds, and transmit them to the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion the Board then adjourned, to meet again in Milton, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November. Prayer by brother A. McDowell.

B. GRAVES, Chairman.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

N. B. The Board held Quarterly meetings in Milton, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November, February, May, and August, and intermediate meetings when necessary. Reports and communications should be made in due time to the Recording Secretary, so as to be laid before the Board at their regular meetings. Letters for advice or instruction, should be addressed to Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Corresponding Secretary, Milton, N. C.

All funds sent to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer will be duly acknowledged.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES OF THE CONVENTION, WITH
THEIR POST OFFICES.

Elder Samuel Wait,	Forestville,	N. C.
“ Joseph G. Barkley,	Tyrrell C. H., or Beaufort,	“
“ D. S. Williams,	Bunn’s Level, Cumberland,	“
“ A. D. Blackwood,	Hillsborough,	“
“ Elias Dodson,	Yanceyville,	“
“ William T. Walters,	Salisbury,	“
“ John Robertson,	Madison,	“
“ S. P. Smith,	Williamsborough,	“
“ J. B. Solomon,	Rockford,	“
“ Richard Jacks,	Lexington,	“
“ Wade Hill,	Shelby,	“

APPENDIX:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

MILTON, N. C., October 17, 1849.

The twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, to the meeting at Oxford, October 18, 1849.

With unfeigned gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for preserving our lives, and surrounding us with so many of his blessings and favors, thus manifesting his approbation of our labors in the cause of Christ; the Board of Managers of the Convention present this, their Annual report.

Immediately after their appointment, the Board held a meeting at Rockford, when Elder Mark May was, at their request, re-appointed a Missionary for the Yadkin Association, they agreeing to provide for one half of his support. Elder J. J. James was appointed Missionary to Greensborough—Elder John Robertson a Missionary to labor in the Counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Guilford, and Surry—Elder Richard Jacks to the Liberty Association, for 6 months, they agreeing to provide for his support—Elder Elias Dodson, at the request of the Beulah Association, their Missionary for 12 months; they agreeing to provide for his support—Elder N. A. Purify, a Missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Statesville and Lexington, for 12 months—And Elder Samuel P. Smith Missionary in the bounds of the Brier Creek Association, for six months, with the condition that they furnish half his support.

Elders Jacks, Dodson, May and Smith accepted their appointments, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Elder Purify visited the places to which he was appointed, but before he was ready to enter upon the duties assigned him, he received a call to the charge of the church at Fayetteville, which he accepted, and sent in his resignation to the Board. Elder James did not commence the duties of his appointment before the Board changed it to Hillsboro', and requested Elder Dodson to supply the station at Greensborough. Elder Robertson having received an appointment from the General Association of Virginia, to travel in the Western part of that State, accepted the same, and declined the appointment of the Board. And upon his recommendation, Elder

Daniel G. Taylor was appointed in his place. He accepted the appointment, and went immediately to the field of labor, but as he afterwards informed the Board, that his business at home requiring his attention, he soon left. In the mean time, Elder Robertson becoming dissatisfied with his removal to the State of Virginia, resigned his appointment there, and was appointed by the Board, a Missionary to the Yadkin Association, in place of Mark May, dismissed. Elder Robertson entered upon the duties of his new appointment, and after laboring a short time within the bounds of that Association, he informed the Board that Elder Taylor had been compelled to leave his field of labor, and, at his request, he was restored to his first appointment, in which, with the exception of a short absence to Tennessee, on a visit to his friends, he has labored with his accustomed success.

At the first meeting of the Board held in Milton, the place of their location, on the 24th of November last, in addition to the changes noticed above, Elder Samuel Wait was re-appointed missionary to the town of Louisburg, with a salary of one hundred dollars, the church at that place to pay one half the amount, which appointment was immediately accepted. A communication was received at the same time, from Elder Wm. Turner, Moderator of Liberty Association, asking the assistance of the Board, in the payment of their Missionary, Elder Richard Jacks. Upon consideration, the Board declined the request, inasmuch as the appointment of Elder Jacks on the terms originally proposed had been sanctioned by the Convention, the Board did not think they had the power to alter them, and therefore agreed to refer the matter to the Convention. A letter has since been received, stating that the whole amount has been made up by the Association.

At the same meeting, the Board recommended all the Churches within the bounds of the Convention, to observe the monthly concert of prayer for the spread of the Gospel, and to receive at the same time such contributions as their members and others present might be disposed to make, in aid of the cause of Missions. How far this important recommendation has been observed, the Board have not the means at present of knowing. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board was at the same time requested to keep up a friendly and fraternal correspondence with the Missionaries of the Convention.

At the next quarterly meeting of the Board, held on 23d of Feb. last, having received satisfactory information, that Elder Mark May, a missionary for the Yadkin Association, had been excluded from the membership of the Church to which he belonged for unchristian conduct, he was dismissed from the service of the Board, to take effect from the time of his exclusion by his Church, and an order was subsequently made to pay him his salary, as per agreement, up to that time.

At this meeting, Elder A. D. Blackwood was appointed a Missionary of the Board, until the meeting of the Convention, to labor in the bounds of the Flat River Association, and to preach regularly once a month, or oftener, at Hillsboro,' until such time as Elder James, previously transferred to that station, should so far recover his health as to be able to attend them. Elder Blackwood immediately entered upon the duties of his appointment, and his labors, as his report will show, have been abundantly blessed. At the same time the Corresponding Secretary was requested to issue a circular to the Agent and Missionaries of the Convention, requesting them to make quarterly reports, to the Board, of their operations, with proper suggestions in relation to their fields of labor.—The Board with pleasure add, that this request has been generally complied with and their reports now on file, are highly satisfactory, and while the limits of this report will not admit of embodying them here, the members of the Convention can have access to them, and if desired, they will be read publicly. They show that the labors and efforts of the Missionaries have received the divine blessings in a very eminent degree, and afford abundant cause to cheer and animate the friends of Home Missions, to renewed zeal in the good work.

The next meeting of the Board was held on the 12th of May, when Elder S. G. O'Bryan was appointed a Missionary to the towns of Salisbury, Mocksville, Lexington and Statesville, in place of Eld. N. A. Purify, resigned. He entered upon his field of labor in the latter part of June, and his reports give quite a flattering account of the success of the Baptist cause, in that region of the State, particularly in Salisbury, where there is every prospect of establishing a flourishing Baptist Church. And Elder O'Bryan informs the Board, that the members and friends of our Church there, are willing to raise \$100, towards the support of a missionary the ensuing year. The Board regrets that Elder O'Bryan expresses the intention of leaving the State, thereby depriving the Convention of his valuable services, in a section of country where they are peculiarly needed. The Board express the hope, that some brother will be found able and willing to supply his place, in the event he cannot be induced to remain.

Upon application (by letter) of Dr. Tho. Curtis, Corresponding Secretary of the Broad River Association, for the spread of the Gospel: the Board agreed to appropriate one hundred dollars to aid them in employing Elder Wade Hill, as a missionary in the valley of the Catawba River and surrounding country, a section of the State almost entirely destitute of Baptist preaching, and where, the Board learn, great anxiety is manifested for the services of a Missionary. Elder Hill has entered successfully upon the discharge of his duties, for the particulars of which the Convention is referred to his report.

At the same meeting of the Board, the appointment of Elder S. P. Smith, of the Brier Creek Association, was continued until the meeting of the Convention, and Brother William T. Walters, a licentiate of the Bethany Church, Virginia, was requested to preach once a month in the Baptist Church in Milton, until the meeting of the Convention, the Pastor being unable to give them his services more than once a month.

The Board held its quarterly meeting in Milton, on the 18th of August, when reports were received and read from most of the missionaries. A letter was also received in relation to the destitution of Baptist preaching, in a portion of the bounds of the Union Association, and the Corresponding Secretary was directed to write to the Moderator of that Association, inviting their aid and co-operation in the appointment of a missionary to labor in that section of the State. Elder Elias Dodson, missionary of the Beulah Association, was authorized to employ an assistant for one month, to aid him in holding protracted meetings within the field of his labor.— At the same time a letter was received from brother Robt. B. Jones, a licentiate of the Mill Creek Church, in Person County, but now a student at Wake Forest College, asking to become a beneficiary of the Board in obtaining an education, with a view to the Ministry—which was referred to the meeting of the Board at the Convention, and the Secretary was directed to write to brother Jones, to attend at that time. We learn that brother Jones has been unanimously recommended by his church to the patronage of the Board, and from the testimonials and other information they have received of his Christian character and talents, they doubt not that he will become abundantly useful as a Minister of Christ.

Bro. Kimbrough Thompson was received at the last meeting of the Convention as a beneficiary at the College, but has not yet availed himself of the privilege, and has continued in the avocation of a teacher of youth and labored in the ministry as opportunity afforded. So that there is now only one beneficiary of the Convention, pursuing his studies at Wake Forest College. The Board learn that there are other young men, of promising talents and piety, who are licensed Ministers of their Churches, desiring the aid of the Convention in improving their education, and as the funds in that department have accumulated, the Board hope that the number of our beneficiaries will be increased.

The Missionaries have been instructed to collect what they could by subscriptions and public collections, in aid of the funds of the Convention. The Board fear that owing to a mistaken delicacy, this request has been in a good degree neglected. That those who receive the benefits of the preached Gospel, should contribute to its support, will be conceded by all, and as the salaries of our missionaries are fixed, and will not be increased during the year,

they might, with great propriety, solicit and collect funds for the Convention. The Board hope this duty will not be overlooked in future.

The agent of the Convention, who, the Board learn, has been successful in his efforts, owing to the extended field of his operations, cannot visit every section of the bounds of the Convention, during the year. Hence, the greater is the necessity that the missionaries of the Convention should supply, as far as possible, his place within their respective districts of labor.

The Board regret that no missionaries have been appointed for the Eastern or entire Southern section of the State. It has not been owing to a want of interest, or desire on their part, that those destitute regions, for such doubtless there are, should be supplied, but none have been recommended by our brethren there, and the Board cannot find suitable men in the upper part of the State, who are willing to leave their place of nativity, and go down to a region where they are exposed to the influence of an atmosphere and climate to which they are not accustomed, and which in all probability, would prove fatal to their constitutions, if not to their lives.—The Board express the hope, that at the meeting of the Convention suitable fields of labor will be suggested in those regions of the State, and proper Ministers recommended to fill them.

The Board have held their quarterly meetings regularly during the year, and special meetings have been called whenever circumstances required it. A full and faithful account of their proceedings have been published in the Biblical Recorder, and through the same source, an affectionate appeal made to our brethren throughout the State, to extend their prayers and pecuniary aid to the objects of the Convention.

In regard to the cause of education, the Board would congratulate the Convention on the cheering prospects now before them. Wake Forest College, by subscriptions and legacies, with a sale of a portion of its real estate, may be considered as relieved from a debt, which has hung as an incubus over it for years, and the number of its pupils has, of late, considerably increased. It is gradually winning its way to public favor. A liberal endowment of its Professorships is now needed to establish it on a permanent basis. As early as practicable, preparatory schools should be established in every section of the State. Already have three gone into operation—one at Rockford, one at Trinity, and a third at Milton.

Female schools of high character have been established, and are now in successful operation, in Murfreesborough, Raleigh, Rockford and other places. The necessity of establishing a Female College for the State, of an elevated character, in which suitable testimonials of a high grade of scholarship will be awarded, is seri-

ously entertained by many of our brethren, and is an object worthy of their united and zealous efforts for its accomplishment.

In reference to Foreign Missions, it is a source of sincere regret, that so little has been done by our brethren of this State in proportion to their means, and the importance of the object calling them into action. With the exception of the Raleigh Association, whose example in this respect is worthy of all commendation, candor compels us to say, that our brethren generally have been too remiss in this duty. The calls and affectionate appeals of the esteemed Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, we have reason to fear, have, in most cases, been unheeded. Surely the last and great command of our dear Redeemer, to "preach the Gospel to every creature" has lost none of its force, though more than eighteen centuries have elapsed, since it was given. The Board indulge the fond hope that our brethren will awake to a sense of their duty and obligations to aid this important arm of our benevolent operations, and in future, North Carolina will not fall so far behind her sister States, in the amount of her contributions for Foreign Missions. While in the Providence of God, the hitherto inaccessible parts of the world, are now opened for the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, we are forcibly called upon, without unnecessary delay, to supply them with the "Bread of life."

The Board would notice with great pleasure the fact, that an increased interest is manifested by our Churches, throughout the State, in the establishment of Sabbath schools, and the circulation of religious books and tracts. Some of our Missionaries, while they preach the Gospel day by day, carry with them our religious publications and dispose of them wherever they go. An influence silent and unseen by the world, is thus brought to bear, which is already developing its happy effects, and will continue until a consummation of results shall be affected, by which our principles will no longer be successfully misrepresented, and the cause of truth prevail with all its force. Distinguished individuals, both clergymen and laymen, of other denominations, in different parts of the world, are already yielding to its influence, and joining our standard. For this, let us be devoutly thankful and encouraged to renewed zeal in the good work.

In reviewing the operations of the past year, the Board have abundant cause to admire the wisdom and benevolence that brought the Convention into existence, and they are more indelibly impressed with the importance of its increased efficiency. If it has effected so much amid the opposition, lukewarmness and indifference of many of our brethren, how much greater results would have flown from their united and zealous efforts. That many of our most prominent brethren should stand aloof, and seldom, if ev-

er, be present at its annual meetings, is a source of regret, as well as of deep mortification. It would be well for them to ponder and reflect, that, in the great day of accounts, when they shall witness the results that have flown from the efforts of the few, who have so long and nobly sustained this institution, will they not have shame and confusion of face in the presence of that great Being, whose cause they have thus neglected. It has pleased him, to work by means of human instrumentalities, and when we have renewed evidences for more than twenty years, of the great good that has been accomplished by the efforts of the Convention, he must be blind indeed who cannot see them, and lost to every benign and Christian feeling who will not admire and long to bear some humble part in this great system of benevolence. For the future, let our brethren, without regard to personal differences or antipathies, and with an eye single to the good of their fellow beings and the cause of our dear Redeemer, come manfully to his "help against the mighty"—then will his work still more abundantly prosper in our hands, our hearts be made to rejoice in view of the glory of God.

B. GRAVES, Chairman.

N. J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education offer the following, as their Report:

We do not doubt that many Ministers of the Gospel have been eminently useful without the advantages of Collegiate training;—neither do we doubt that such men would have occupied a much more commanding position, and would have produced a much deeper impression upon their age, had their intellectual energies been fully developed and enriched by the culture which alone can be obtained in Institutions of learning. Without reflecting, therefore, upon the many able and successful ministers, who have adorned their sacred profession, notwithstanding their want of thorough mental discipline and cultivation, we deem it of the greatest importance to the Redeemer's Kingdom, that those who become the Ambassadors of the King of Kings, should be men trained to the severest thought, and enriched with the treasures of knowledge.—When God selected men to accomplish his purposes in the earth, he was not unmindful of their talents and previous cultivation, even when he intended to guide and elevate their thoughts by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. “Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians,” before he was called to bring down the thunders of Heaven upon the throne of Pharaoh, and to become the mighty deliverer of an oppressed people. Although the Apostles of Christ are generally supposed to have been rude and uncultivated men, yet among them, as Luke, the classic writer of the Gospel, and the model Historian of the Primitive Church, were those who had passed through the schools of the age, to say nothing of the four years of the theological instruction which they received from Him who was the greatest of all teachers. But when an invasion was to be made upon the schools of Philosophy, and the light of the Cross was to flash its glory upon the darkness of Paganism, God selected as the instrument the highly intellectual and thoroughly accomplished Paul. When he entered the field to reason with the learned Greek, and to assail the prejudices of the Barbarian, we find the other Apostles retiring into comparative obscurity, while the skilful disputant, the profound reasoner, and the impassioned orator, becomes the renowned champion of the Christian cause.—Thus God, in his Providence, has shown, that, in the advancement of his truth among men, intellectual qualifications are no more to be overlooked than those which are moral.

This is an age of unprecedented activity in the general mind.—Knowledge is being disseminated among all classes of society. Intellectual might is respected, whilst imbecility is despised. But in this resurrection from the grave of ignorance, we see errors of every form, and every hue. Infidelity, Pantheism, Romanism and every thing else that can lead man from God, and leave our world a forsaken and friendless thing, are propagated with untiring

and malicious industry. To meet their gigantic errors, and expose their deformity to public view, and hurl them back upon their godless advocates, requires men of more than ordinary mental power.

Besides this, those who are converted by the grace of God, and formed into Churches of Christ, require skilful Pastors to nourish their spiritual life, with the word of God, and to train them for great and extended usefulness in the world. Their benevolence is to be developed, their sense of personal responsibility is to be increased, and all are to be made to feel that they are not to live to themselves, but to him who died for their redemption.

The Pastors who will thus lead on their Churches from one moral elevation to another—imparting lofty views of truth and duty—adopting plans commensurate with the exigencies of perishing men—and preparing them to march forward to the conquest of the world, must be men of sound minds, of sanctified affections, and varied attainments. To bless the Churches with such men, we must, under God, look to our Colleges and Seminaries. In these institutions they may undergo that discipline, and acquire that knowledge, which will enable them to become “wise master-builders,” and efficient heralds of salvation.

We think it incumbent on Churches and Pastors to seek out young men of good natural abilities and humble Christ-like piety, who may feel it their duty to *prepare* for the solemn responsibilities of the Ministry, but whose circumstances seem to be unfavorable to such preparation, and to recommend them to the patronage of the Convention.

The Board have but one beneficiary at present, and are prepared to receive several others.

We respectfully suggest to the friends of ministerial education, the importance of greatly augmenting the Education fund by liberal donations, that it may become the means of far more extended usefulness.

We would also recommend Churches and Associations to become the patrons of their own young men, by sustaining them as they may need, through the entire Collegiate course.

Our College at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition, and gives rich promise of good to our denomination.

We commend it to the earnest prayers and benefactions of all who feel interested in the increasing intelligence and moral progress of mankind.

Feeling the importance of thorough mental culture in the rising Ministry, and knowing its essential connexion with the prosperity of the Churches at home, and the dissemination of the Gospel in foreign lands, your Committee feel that they could not say less, without manifest injustice to the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. HENDRICKSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would beg leave to report:

That this Convention have abundant cause of gratitude and praise to the great Head of the Church, for the success He has vouchsafed in his rich mercy, to missionary operations within her borders. During the year past, your missionaries have had their labors blessed with revivals of religion, which have greatly strengthened feeble Churches, animated and encouraged pastors of thriving congregations, and cheered the hearts of all the people of God, in view of the visible spread of the Gospel. Hundreds have been added to our Church during the past year; by the preaching and prayers of these faithful and self-denying evangelists. It is a source of thanksgiving to God, that he has made the field of our labors as extensive as the world, which he has died to redeem, and over which he exercises his mediatorial reign as Lord of all. Hence, the work of Home Missions lies at the foundation only of the whole missionary enterprise. The supply of men to preach the Gospel at home and abroad, must begin here—the means for sustaining our foreign missionaries must be derived from strong and faithful Churches here. Hence, success in the labors of our Missionaries at home, is a sure presage and pledge of constant and unremitting support of all the Missionary and benevolent enterprises sanctioned by the Church, both at home and in foreign lands. God seems to say to his people, “pray unto me, observe my Providence teaching you by almost daily facts, and my grace shall be sufficient for you, and my strength shall be made perfect in your weakness. Go on in your work, and I will pour you out such a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.”

Most of our missionaries have already made their reports through the columns of the Recorder; hence, we avoid recurrence to them in this report.

We recommend to the Convention, to re-appoint all their approved Missionaries, and occupy all the stations and districts which were cultivated so successfully last year, and to grant the petitions of all the Churches and Associations which call on this body for aid. Only let us see to it, that our Missionaries be men of God, sound in the faith and thoroughly furnished to every word and work. Further, that so far as possible, every Missionary should act as a Colporteur in the distribution and sale of books, tracts, and especially our approved publications. That they should establish Sabbath schools, and promote, as far as in them lies, all the great purposes of their appointment, by the Convention. There are many important posts in our field as a State, which should at once be occupied, and the Committee earnestly recommend, that proper measures to secure that object, be promptly pursued. There is a solemn pertinence in the admonition, that the year 1850 is almost knocking at our doors, the half of the 19th century is almost on the

eve of being gone, never to return—we too are passing away, and others must soon enter into our labors. Oh! brethren, let us pray more fervently, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into his harvest. Nor should we lay aside our armor, until we have done all our utmost to extend our Redeemer's Kingdom, and rely firmly on his promise who is ever faithful to his promises, and faithful to his son, that, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall each one of us receive a crown of glory."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SHAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, would submit the following Report:

The promotion of Foreign Missions has been, from the commencement of its operations, a favorite object of this Convention. And although, considering the strength of the denomination in this State, but little perhaps has been accomplished, still, something has been done;—and the interest taken in this department of benevolence has been gradually augmented. Several circumstances have concurred within a few years, to give a quickened impulse to the missionary zeal of our brethren. And, although we would not insinuate that they should be satisfied with the progress attained, still the facts are such as to justify the expectation, that our Churches will soon begin to realize the extent of their obligations on this point, and to meet the claims of the heathen with a liberality not inferior to those of other States.

Agreeably to the last annual report of the General Foreign Mission Board, there were, at Canton, China, twelve persons in the employ of said Board; eight Missionaries, and four Assistants;—at Shanghae, six missionaries and two Assistants;—and on the coast of Africa, seven missionaries and six assistants. Of the former, it will be recollected, two are from this State, who are sustained mainly or entirely by funds contributed by the Raleigh Association.

In addition to the above, the Board have now in contemplation the establishment of a mission in Central Africa, a region of country, of which, as yet, comparatively little is known. This enterprise originated with our brother Bowen, now in attendance at this meeting; who called the attention of the Board to this subject; and who offered himself as the pioneer missionary in that field.—The Board, after duly informing themselves on the subject, concluded to entertain the project, and have accepted the services of bro. Bowen accordingly. He is now making arrangements for his departure, and will sail for Africa in the course of a few weeks.

Respecting this proposed field of labor, it may be proper to add, that recent accounts are such as to justify high expectations as to

the success and utility of the enterprise. It is stated that the country is fertile, healthy, abounding in various articles of trade, and peopled by races enjoying a considerable measure of civilization. It has been but recently and partially explored; and, as a matter of course, is entirely destitute of a knowledge of the Gospel. It is therefore to be hoped, that the missionary there, will enter upon his labors with more than ordinary facilities, and but few of the impediments which are usually encountered in the establishment of new missions.

The Board complain of a scarcity both of men and of means adequate to the demands of the occasion. Inviting fields of labor are opening before them, already ripe for the sickle, and promising an abundant harvest to the ardent and faithful laborer. Their appeal has been made to their brethren of the Southern States. They ask for men; young, ardent, self-denying men, who are willing to forsake their homes, and go into the distant and dark places of the earth, to carry to the perishing heathen the word of life and salvation. They ask also for funds, to sustain the fainting missionary while struggling with the ills of life, and toiling for the salvation of a ruined world. A great question which our brethren and churches in this State are now concerned to answer, is—shall this appeal be made in vain? Shall we who remain at home, who abound in all the comforts of life, and who are blessed with the privileges pertaining to a civilized Christian land, look on with indifference, put to no helping hand, and make no effort to share the honors of the coming triumph? Or shall we, if we cannot go ourselves, contribute freely of our substance, perfumed and sanctified by our prayers, to spread the Gospel over the earth, and to expel the shades of death from the habitations of men? It is hoped that each one will answer this question for himself—in accordance with the decisions of an enlightened conscience, and in view of the solemnities of the great day of accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
T. MEREDITH, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

Since the last Convention, owing to afflictions in my family, I have been able to operate only ten months and five days, during which time, I have travelled more than 3000 miles, preached 68 sermons, assisted in ordaining 4 ministers, in administering the Lord's supper 4 times. I have visited the following Associations: 1st, Pee Dee, which by funds is represented in this body; then the Union—this Association covers a vast extent of territory, and contains a great deal of wealth, and under the blessing of God is destined at no distant day, to be second to no Association in our State. In making a hasty visit through its bounds, I obtained in subscriptions amounting to \$500. I next visited the Chowan, the elevated views and liberality of which has long been known. In passing up the State, I came through the length of the Tar River Association, and found the brethren on whom I called very liberal in favor of the Convention. I then passed through a portion of the Sandy Creek Association, and found them emphatically a missionary body, as their contribution will show. In order, the Liberty and Yadkin Associations were visited, these cover an extensive and interesting portion of our State, and should be fostered by the Convention.—The Churches visited were liberal in the support of its objects.—In the Brier Creek Association, I found a number of warm-hearted Missionaries. In addition to supporting their missionary, the Beulah Association has contributed considerable in support of the other objects of the Convention. Although I have not operated principally in the Raleigh Association, I have received subscriptions amounting to more than \$100, in addition to their support of brother Yates in China. My subscription list stands: For the Education Department, \$789 40—for the Home Missions, \$592 55—Foreign Missions, 313 74, making a total of \$1705 69. Of the above subscription, received in cash, for Education, \$461 08; for Home Missions, \$374 93; for Foreign Missions, 279 87, making a total of \$1115 88. On the subscription for year 1848—for Education, \$79 50; Home Missions, \$35 50, added to cash in hand received this year, amounts to \$1230 88.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM JONES, Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

James S. Purify, Treasurer,

In account with the N. C. B. S. Convention, 1849 :

DR.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	Total.
Rec'd of Tar River Ass'n, 1848,	17 65	6 70	6 65	31 00
“ Tar River, “ 1849,	66 43	9 63	9 64	85 70
“ Rev. W Jones, ag't. 1849,	405 73	284 88	535 27	1225 88
“ Brassfield's Church,	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
“ Cape Fear, “		14 25		14 25
“ Shiloh, “	3 00	3 00	3 00	9 00
“ Fayetteville “	10 00	5 50	10 00	
“ Yates Comm. of the Ral. Ass. support of M. T. Y.		534 65		25 50 534 65
“ Committee of Finance,	160 23	99 73	39 31	299 27
“ Cape Fear Association,	298 00	3 25		301 25
“ Brier Creek “	23 33			23 33
“ Jefferson “	26 80			26 80
“ Collection for Af'n Miss.		116 50		116 50
“ Bethel Church,			1 12	1 12
	1014 51	1081 42	608 32	2704 25
CR.				
Pd Rev. W. Ayers H. M. C. F. A.	298 00			298 00
“ T. Meredith, pr'g Minutes, '48	30 00	30 00	30 00	90 00
“ Mark May H. M. in full,	18 75			18 75
“ Wm. Jones, Agent, in full,	160 00	160 00	160 00	480 00
“ W. Jones, b'rd of W. Hobgood,			40 00	40 00
“ N. J. Palmer, paper, book, &c.	1 50	1 50	1 25	4 25
“ S. P. Smith, H. M. in full,	125 13			125 13
“ N. J. Palmer, Secretary, 1848,	8 50	8 00	8 50	25 00
“ J. Robertson H. M. in full, '48	23 00			23 00
“ J. B. Taylor, for African Miss.		116 50		116 50
“ Tar River Asso. for H. Miss.	56 80			56 80
“ A. D. Blackwood H. M. p't 49	40 00			40 00
“ J. S. Purify, for money loaned,	64 54			64 54
“ J. J. James, H. M. 1848,	25 00			25 00
“ W. T. Brooks, b'd J. C. Ave- rett, 1849,			76 00	76 00
“ J. B. White, tuition of J. C. Averett, 1849,			51 00	51 00
“ S. G. O'Bryan, H. M. in full,	42 88			42 88
“ John Robertson, in part, 1849,	37 41			37 41
“ A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B'd for M. T. Yates, from the Raleigh Association,		534 65		534 65
“ A. Thomas, Treas. F. M. B'd		230 77		230 77
“ A. Freeman, for cash borrow'd,	83 00		165 00	248 00
	1014 51	1081 42	531 75	2627 68
Balance in the hands of the Treas.			76 57	76 57
			608 32	2704 25

JAMES S. PURIFY, Treasurer.

DEBTS OF THE CONVENTION.

	H. M.	F. M.	EJ.	Total.
Due A. Freeman, borrow'd money,	375 00			375 00
“ N. J. Palmer, Secretary, '49	16 00	17 00	17 00	50 00
“ J. Robertson, H. M. 1849,	136 68			136 68
“ S. Wait, H. M. 1849,	50 00			50 00
“ A. D. Blackwood, H. M. '49	75 00			75 00
“ Wade Hill, H. M. 1849,	50 00			50 00

Total, \$702 68 17 00 17 00 \$736 68

I have examined this Report, and find it correct.

WM. T. BROOKS, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance would respectfully report the following, as received from the Churches, Associations, &c. :

1849.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	Total.
Flat Rock Church,	2 50	2 50	2 50	7 00
Hester's	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Sandy Cross	10 00			10 00
Mount Tabor	10 00			10 00
Holly Grove	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Capehart's	10 50	11 00		21 50
Rockyhook	14 25			14 25
Edenton	3 00	15 42	3 00	21 42
Cashie	12 68	12 66	12 66	38 00
Olive Branch	4 50	4 50	4 50	13 50
Flat R. Union	3 34	3 33	3 33	10 00
Mar's Hill	30 00			30 00
Milton		10 00		10 00
H. D. Blackwood,	10 00			10 00
Ahosky Miss. Society,	8 00	12 00		20 00
Bethlehem Miss. Society,	13 80			13 80
Beulah Churches and Association,		7 70		7 70
Raleigh Church,	9 30	2 30		11 60
Sabbath Collection,	6 68	6 66	6 66	20 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Norcott,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	160 23	99 73	39 31	299 27

The above paid to J. S. Purify,
Treasurer.

P. F. PESCU, Ch'mn.

P. S. The Beulah Association paid Rev. J. B. Taylor for For- eign Missions,	\$31 00	31 00
Raleigh Church paid Brother Bo- wen, African Miss.	14 50	14 50
Beulah Association—Salary of their Missionary as per agreement with the Convention,	\$200 00	200 00

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS NAMES FOR THE YEAR 1849.

NAMES.	H. M.	ED.	F. M.
	\$	\$	\$
R. W. Lawson,	5	5	
David Jones,		10	
Newbern Church,			54
Henry F. Bond,		8	
J. C. Washington,		10	
George R. French,	10		
George Fennel,	5	5	
Union Association,		14	56 13
African Mission,			1 35
M. M. Wood,		10	
E. Felton,		5	5
Charles W. Skinner,		10	
Elizabeth City Church,			25
Colerain Mission Society,			17
Bertie Union Meeting,	2	1	
Collection at Chowan Association,	3 50	3 50	3 50
Louisburg Church,	10	10	10
William Russel,		5	
Isabella Russel,		5	
Sally W. Galdin,		5	
Benjamin T. Adams,		5	
Priscilla Staton,	5		
J. M. C. Brinson,		5	
Z. Slade,		5	
P. Hardy,	5		
Mrs. Clark,		5	
Joel Hines,		5	
James McDaniel,	5		
Margaret Fennel,		5	
J. C. C. Jenkins,			5
Henrietta W. Mebane,	5		
Ann E. Yancy,		1	
Wm. Bishop,		5	
James Harrell,		5	
John Nowell,	5		
John Madre,	5		
James Harrell,		5	
B. W. Thach,		5	
Mary Benberry,		5	

NAMES.	H. M. \$	Ed. \$	F. M. \$
John Hollowell,	5		
Rufus K. Speed,		5	
F. B. Grandy,	5		
Evan Forbes,		5	
R. D. Simpson,			5
W. Riddick,	5		
Elizabeth Watson,		5	
A. Emerson,	1 66	1 66	1 66
Sarah Gilmore,	5		
L. Simmons,	1 66	1 66	1 66
J. F. Jordan,	5		
Mary A. Williams,		5	
John G. Williams,		5	
T. H. Williams,		4	
Charles Ward,	4		
J. W. Barnes,		4	
Jas. Wiseman,	4		
Sam'l Adams,		3	
Wm. Ramsey,		3	
Thomas Dockery,	1 50	1 50	
Sam'l Flowers,	3		
Margaret Kornegay,	2		
John N. Washington,		3	
William H. Washington,		3	
Stephen White,		3	
Wm. Wright,		3	
Lewis L. Highsmith,	3		
David Wells,	1 50	1 50	
Charles T. Stephens,	3		
J. L. Boykin,	3		
John Joiner,		3	
Ann Bernard,	3		
Bryant Lassiter,	3		
J. R. Ferguson,	3		
James B. Sprewil,		3	
West Leary,		3	
Sam'l Sutton,		3	
Ann S. Wood,		3	
Ellen F. Hendrickson,		3	
B. Baxter,		3	
H. P. Forbes,		3	
A. L. Dozier,		3	
R. A. Barkley,			3
Susannah Headen,			3
Sam'l Dowd,	1 50		1 50
Sanders Norris,	3		
Andrew J. Woodward,			2

NAMES.	M. M.	ED.	F. M.
Mrs. Bond,	\$2	\$	\$
R. S. Blount,	2		
Ann Joyner,	2 50		
J. R. Ezzell,	2		
S. J. Stephens,	2		
Alfred Moy,		2	
W. J. Moy,		1	
E. J. Blount,		2	
Elias J. Blount,		3	
Ann A. Lawson,		2	
Elizabeth P. Brown,		2	
Nannie Betts,		2	
Bryant Boroughs,	2		
M. T. Waddill,		2	
M. W. Jones,	2		
Joseph White,			2 50
John Parker,		1	
Willis Bagley,		2	
Cash,		2	
William C. Cartwright,		2	
William D. Pritchard,		2	
James Scall,		1	
Margaret E. Grandy,		2	
J. Carver,		2	
Thomas Sutton,		2	
E. H. Barkley,			2
Elizabeth Alston,		2	
N. G. Degraphinredett,	2		
Benjamin N. Watson,		2 50	
H. Lilly,	2		
Mary H. Woodard,			2
Nancy Ashley,			2
N. Richardson,		2	
Collection at Swims,	1 60		
B. H. Eaton and wife,	2		
Cynthia E. Pritchard,		2	
W. Duskin,	2		
O. Sprinkle,		1	1
S. Parkes,	1		
S. Smith,	1 50		
H. H. Easons,	1 60		
W. Powell,	1		
Sanders M. Ingram,		1	
J. Luther and wife,	50	1	
N. M. Womble,	1		
E. A. Womble,		1	
Ruth C. Womble,		1	
S. T. Womble		1	

NAMES.	H. M.	Ed.	F. M
S. A. Thomas,	\$	\$1	\$
H. P. Stone and S. C. Brewer,	1		
Sarah Flowers,	1		
T. Hall,	1		
J. W. News,	1		
Charlotte Lawson,		1	
W. Baily,			95
P. C. Betts,		1	
S B. Faulkner,		1	
E M. Faulkner,		1	
M. A. Wright,		1	
N. Allen,		1	
E. C. Norton,	50		50
J. W. Hutchinsons,	1		
E. Covington,	1 50		
W. H. Bryan,		1	
John Oliver,	1		
Cash,		1	
D. Merett,		1	
M. Simons,		1	
C. F. Bixton,		1	
M. L. Peebles,		1	
Dr. Bently,		1	
G. W. Howe,		1	
J. W. Larry,		1	
P. B. Southerland,		1	
M. A. Devane,	1		
N. D. Fennel,		1	
R. J. Fennel,		1	
J. C. Fennel,		1	
W. W. Fennel,		1	
D. W. Fennel,		1	
Mary Wells,			1
S. Newton,			1
A. S. C. Powell,		1 25	
E. L. Powell,		1 25	
J. R. Goodrie,	1 25		
L. J. Powell,		1 25	
A Friend,	1		
W. R. Leland,		1	
Louisa Jones,	1		
M. Braswell,		1	
James Cheek,		1	
Miles Bobbitt,		1	
Elizabeth Meredith,		1	
Claudia Meredith,		1	
G. Meredith,	1		
R. Hoggard,	1		

NAMES.	H. M.	Ed.	F. M.
E. R. Gilliam,	\$	\$1	\$
William Perry,	1 50		
C. Ellyson,	1		
R. P. Thomas,		1	
Nancy Thomas,	1		
E. W. Riddick,	1		
M. E. Wood,		1	
T. D. Martin, ^o		1	
M. Evans,		1	
Nancy Harrell,		1 50	
R. Simpson,			1
C. R. Hendrickson,		1	
Wm. Sawyer,		1	
S. D. Bunch,		1	
J. Baugham,			1
A. Jones,		1	
E. Jones,	1		
L. Bachelor,		1	
J. Bachelor,		1	
J. Millikin,	1		
J. B. Burns,			1
H. W. Peoples,	1		
C. Peoples,	1		
T. Marly,	1		
C. G. Thompson,		1	
A. E. Boylan,	1		
S. March,	1		
M. J. Elkin,	1		
William D. Ashley,	1		
T. B. Crocker,	1		
N. Knight,			1
D. A. Hunt,	1		
J. Bleving,	1		
William Turner,	1		
Richard Barnes,	1		
J. J. Conrad,	1		
Young ladies at Conrad's,	1		
Wm. T. Beeman,		1	
H. McCalpin,	1		
A. B. Alderman,		1	
R. Johnson,	1		
Cash,		1	
Spring Hill Church,	5		5
Sarah M. Lewis,		10	
Dr. William Hooper,	5	5	10
H. Perkins,		10	
Bertie Union Meeting per Dr. Wheeler,			10

NAMES.	E. D.	H. M.	F. M.
J. B. Solomon,	\$	\$	\$ 10
Mark Bennet,	10		
Flat River Association,	7 17	7 17	7 17
O. F. Baxter,	5		5
Mrs. Elizabeth Washington,		10	
Pedee Association,	8 33	8 33	8 33
Fork Church,		10	
Eaton's Church,	3	3	4
Kendall's Church,		10	
Ebenezer Church,		7	
Carthleges Creek Church,	3 33	3 33	3 33
Sarah Ann Stone,	10	10	10
Cross Roads Church,		9	
Rockford,	6 50	6 50	
Brier Creek Association,		12 5	
William Jones,	10		
Island Ford Church,		10 55	
Benjamin T. Adams,	5		
Priscilla Staten,		5	
Margaret Fennell,	5		
P. Hardee,		5	
D. Gaskins,	5		
E. N. Riddick,		5	
E. Ferebee,	5		
J. J. Biggs,	5		
J. D. Nunn,		5	
Susannah Parish,		5	
P. F. Pescud,			5
Mary M. Frost,		5	
Stephen Bazemore,		4	
T. J. Pitchford,	2	2	
James Newbold,	3		
Joseph Waff,		3	
E. B. Waff,	3		
Amy Frost,		3	
S. Dismukes,	3		
Mary E. Newbole,	2		
H. D. Bell,		1	1
Martha Bell,	2		
Cornelia R. Bunch,			2 50
Lewis Amos,		1	1
Wm. T. Hutchinson's child,		12	
J. Meredith,	1		
E. Pipkin,		1	
J. D. Pipkin,	1		
T. J. Bowen,	1		
J. J. Blackwood,	1		
R. I. Devin,	1		

NAMES.	Ed.	H. M.	F. M.
	\$	\$	\$
J. P. Montague,		1	
L. Wilson,			50
Rec'd for 1848, Jesso Powel,	10		
Mary Balmer,	10		
Bethel Church,	5	5	
Sarah A. Edwards,		1	
Susan W. Duskin,	1		
Elizabeth J. Crutchfield,	1		
E. Faucett,	1		
S. P. Brinkley,		1	
M. E. Brinkley,	1		
O. E. Barkley,		1	
D. F. Barkley,		1	
A. Rogers,		1	
J. Murray,		3	
J. Joiner, Jr.,	3		
H. Bryan,		3	
Wm. J. Gatling,	5		
M. J. Hargrave,	2 50	2 50	
E. P. Carver,	3		
N. Wooten,	2		
S. A. Wooten,	2		
E. Wooten,	2		
M. Bobbitt,		2	
Wm. Solomon,	2		
Wm. J. Taylor,		2	
G. P. Harrell,		2	
Martha Morris,		1	
J. J. Crutchfield,	2		
J. Southerland,		1	
R. Bright,		1	
Wm. Lunsford,	1		
Wm. Blount,	10		
D. Jones,		10	
M. J. Carraway,	2		
Dr. G. W. Ward,	10		
E. Solomon,	1		
Samuel Baldwin,		4	
Matilda Baldwin,		1	
John Quakenbush,		1	
Mary Jane Oldham,	1		

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*.

Art. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the Churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of the State; and a co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general.

Art. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

Art. 4. This Convention shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such institutions, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

Art. 5. Every Association or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

Art. 6. Any regular member of the Baptist Church, by contributing at one time the amount of thirty dollars to the funds of the Convention, may become a life member, provided he continues a member in good standing in the Baptist Church to which he belongs. Also, by the payment of one hundred dollars at one time, or in instalments, may become a life member of the Board of Managers, upon the same conditions.

Art. 7. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who, with 20 others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the President, to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, to preside in case of his absence, according to seniority.—The Secretaries shall be required to discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make

an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the Minutes. The duty of the Auditor will be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Art. 9. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such time and place, as it shall, from time to time, designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 10. There shall be an adequate number of Agents subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, Churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

Art. 11. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, at such time and place as it shall direct.

Art. 12. The Convention shall require of its Board, a full report of all their proceedings, at each annual meeting.

Art. 13. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall arise and address the President, on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the

move, and handed to the Chair or Secretary, before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

OXFORD, N. C., October 19, 1849.

This Society held its Anniversary meeting in the Baptist Church in Oxford, N. C., commencing at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. J. J. James, the President, took the Chair, and called the Society to order, and opened its proceedings by reading part of the 119th Psalm, singing and prayer, by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia.

Brother John H. Lacy, of Milton, in the absence of the Secretary, was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Annual Discourse before the Society, in the absence of the Rev. John L. Prichard, appointed to that duty at the last meeting, was, at the request of the President, delivered by the Rev. Archibald McDowell, of Milton, from Proverbs, 16th chapter, 25th verse: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof *are* the ways of death."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Report of the Board of Managers was presented and read, by the Rev. R. I. Devin, Corresponding Secretary; which, on motion of Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, of Milton, was accepted and ordered to be published.

The Society was then addressed by Dr. Shaw, and Rev. J. J. Finch, of Raleigh.

The following Resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Finch, and after some remarks by the mover, adopted by the Society:

Resolved, That the Society should engage more energetically in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, at home.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Finch, White and Devin, were appointed to nominate the Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year—who reported the following, who were *unanimously* appointed:

Rev. J. J. JAMES, *President*:

Rev. Wm. H. Jordan, Hamilton Hester, Esq., *Vice Presidents*,

Rev. R. I. Devin, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*,

Franklin B. Hester, *Recording Secretary*,

Joseph Hobgood, *Depository Agent*.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, LOCATED AT OXFORD.

The Officers of the Society, with Williamson Parham, James B. Hobgood, William Jones, Nathaniel Canady, Samuel Canady, A. C. Parham, Bennett Hester, Elijah Hester, John Kerr, Esq., Nathaniel J. Palmer, Joseph Gooch, T. T. Grandy, George W. Jones, Esq., Joseph Howard, John Sherman.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, read, and accepted by the Society.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the congregation, and receive the names of new members and contributions to the funds of the Society, who reported a number of additional members, and contributions to the amount of \$30.

The Society then adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. J. B. White, President of Wake Forest College.

J. J. JAMES, *President*.

JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary, pro tem*.

MONDAY EVENING, October 22, 1849.

The Society met at the call of the President.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be, and they are hereby tendered to Rev. A. McDowell, for his admirable address before the Society, and that he be requested to have the same published in one of our religious newspapers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, of Newbern, be requested to preach the next Annual Sermon before the Society.

On motion, the proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Convention.

The Society then adjourned, after benediction, by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter.

Teste,

J. J. JAMES, *President*.

JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary, pro tem*.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

OXFORD, October 23, 1849.

The Board of Managers held a session in the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. J. James, *President*, in the Chair, and Nathaniel J. Palmer acting as *Secretary, pro tem*.

On motion of Rev. R. I. Devin, the Secretary of the meeting was requested to correspond with the American and Foreign Bible Society, in relation to an old claim which they have brought against the Society—and, if practicable, settle the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer appropriate the funds in his hands and which may hereafter come to his hands, as far as necessary in the payment for Bibles and Testaments recently purchased.

On motion, the Board agreed to unite with the Publication and Sunday School Society, in appointing J. P. Montague, of Granville, as Colporteur and Agent of the two Societies, to sell and distribute Bibles and Religious Books and Tracts, and to receive as a compensation from the two Societies twenty dollars per month.

Rev. Richard Jacks was authorized and requested to procure a portion of the Bibles and Testaments now at Cedar Falls, Randolph County, and sell and distribute them in his field of labor, as Missionary of the Liberty Association. J. P. Montague to take the balance. The Board then adjourned.

J. J. JAMES, President.

N. J. PALMER, Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society beg leave so submit this, their annual report, and though they regret to say that they have nothing very interesting to communicate to the Society, yet some little has been done to meet the destitution of our own State.

Your Board being fully sensible of the great importance of having an active and efficient agent in the field, to collect funds and distribute Bibles—accordingly, at a meeting held the 7th of February, Elder Richard Jacks was appointed Agent and Colporteur for six months, at \$25 per month.

Bro. Jacks was immediately informed of his appointment, and urged to accept, and enter upon the duties of his agency as soon as practicable, which office he accepted.

But for other pressing engagements, he could not give his whole attention to the Bible cause. In his report of Oct. 3d, he says:—“I have supplied 41 destitute families with the Bible, sold 23, gave away to poor families, 35.”

The attention of the Board has been directed to the destitution of our own State, but owing to the want of means and Colporteurs, but little has been done.

This Society was brought into existence to accomplish a glorious object, the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures among the destitute of our own country, and in foreign lands. An object so sacred, it would seem, could not fail to call forth the prayers and contributions of every genuine follower of Christ. The abundance of

good that has already been done in giving to the poor and destitute the word of life, by the feeble efforts that have been put forth, calls upon us to make more vigorous efforts in the heavenly work, and continue to pour the light of revelation into those dark regions, till they shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. There are many families in our own State without the Bible, who "with tears in their eyes," would joyfully receive the lamp of life.

There are many districts of country where there are no Churches, no Ministers of Jesus, and no Sabbath Schools, where every unholy influence is allowed to exert itself without restraint. Such regions should be supplied with the Bible—the Book, and the only Book, which can make wise unto salvation.

The distribution of the Scriptures at home, not only claims our attention, but also, the great and wide-spread destitution of foreign lands. Never before has the world presented such prospects to the *great enterprise* of giving the word of salvation to all the dwellers upon earth.

In view of the moral condition of thousands and millions of the human race, who "sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death," wretched beyond description, and whose cry comes up in melting tones, "send us the bread of life." Let us awake to our duty in this great and glorious cause of dispensing the pure word of God to all the children of men, that they may be redeemed and saved.

The reason why so little has been done in the great work of evangelizing the world, and making universal the Messiah's Kingdom, is because the Church has not felt her responsibilities, exercised her power, nor come up to her duty.

How great the responsibility that rests upon us, and all who profess the Christian name?

R. I. DEVIN, Corresponding Secretary.

Oxford, Oct. 16, 1849.

CONSTITUTION OF THE N. C. BAP. BIBLE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. This Institution shall be denominated the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to promote a wider circulation of the Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

ART. 3. The members of this Institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

ART. 4. By contributing the sum of ten dollars at one time any one may become a life member, and by the contribution of twenty-five dollars, a life member of the Board of Managers.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents,

a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

ART. 6. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention, during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

ART. 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

ART. 9. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, whenever expediency shall dictate.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND CONTRIBUTORS.

James B. Hobgood,	C. W. Bessent,
Miss J. E. Barnett,	A. D. Blackwood,
Robert B. Jones,	Mrs. M. P. White,
H. C. Stowd,	W. R. Trawick,
Mrs. Shaw,	T. T. Grandy,
J. B. White,	Mary Askew,
W. S. Grandy,	J. S. Purify,
Mrs. E. F. Hendrickson,	Dr. A. J. Askew,
Edmund W. Burges,	W. W. Mitchell,
Mrs. M. G. Jones,	Dr. W. M. Crenshaw,
L. C. Hinton,	B. F. Biddle,
W. G. Thompson,	J. McDaniel,
Moses Baldwin,	D. S. Williams,
P. F. Pescud,	Theodore Shaw,
Raleigh Baptist Sabbath School,	J. B. Stone,
J. J. Blackwood,	Wm. Folk,
S. C. Tatum,	J. J. Finch,
T. Meredith,	David Williams,
John H. Lacy.	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

N. C. BAP. PUBLICA'N AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

This Society held its fourth Anniversary Meeting in the Baptist Church at Oxford, October 20th, 1849.

The Rev. J. J. Finch, President of the Society, took the chair and called the Society to order. In the absence of the Secretary, P. F. Pescud was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

The President read a portion of the 119th Psalm.

After singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was, at the request of the President, offered by Rev. J. S. Purify.

Agreeably to appointment, at the last meeting, Dr. William A. Shaw of Milton delivered the annual sermon before the Society, from Luke 8: 15, 16, 17, 18. The discourse was truly appropriate to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the address, the following resolutions were offered by N. J. Palmer, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. C. R. Hendrickson of Elizabeth City, who addressed the Society. He was followed by the Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, when the question was taken and the resolutions unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the interests of the Baptist denomination, and the cause of truth and enlightened piety require that the publication and circulation of religious books and tracts be extended.

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School libraries ought forthwith to be established in all our churches.

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Publication Society, the Board of which is located in Charleston, S. C., should receive the efficient aid and co-operation of this Society, and that we become auxiliary to the same.

Resolved, That the Baptist Associations and churches in this State be earnestly and affectionately requested to organize Societies auxiliary to the Society, and report the same to the Secretary at Raleigh.

A Committee consisting of N. J. Palmer, Dr. W. M. Crenshaw, William Jones, and G. W. Thompson were appointed to wait on the congregation and receive the names of additional members and contributions; who reported a number of additional names, with contributions to the amount of \$16 85.

Elder J. J. James, G. W. Thompson, and N. J. Palmer were appointed a Committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year—who report the following:

Rev. J. J. Finch of Raleigh, President.

Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq. of Milton, 1st Vice President.

Rev. J. B. White of Wake Forest College, 2d do.

J. J. Biggs Esq., Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary.

J. F. Jordan, Esq. do., Recording Secretary.

P. F. Pescud, Esq., do., Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Board of Managers located at Raleigh, the officers of the Society with W. W. Vass, L. C. Hinton, T. Meredith, James C. Marcom, W. T. Brooks, D. S. Williams, James S. Purify, Francis King, George W. Thompson, John Kerr, M. B. Royster, Samuel Wait, Peyton A. Dunn, Dr. William A. Crenshaw, and R. Jones.

On motion, Elder L. C. Hinton was requested to deliver the next annual address or sermon before the Society.

The Report of the Depository Agent was presented, read, and accepted by the Society.

The Society then adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

J. J. FINCH, President.

P. F. PESCU, Secretary, pro tem.

The Society held another meeting on Monday evening the 22d October. In the absence of the President, N. J. Palmer, Esq., 1st Vice President took the Chair.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Dr. Wm. A. Shaw for his excellent discourse before them; and he was requested to permit the same to be published in one of the religious newspapers.

On motion, brother J. P. Montague of Granville, was appointed Colporteur and Agent for this Society, jointly with the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society—and the Depository Agent requested to furnish him with the requisite quantity of books and Tracts.

The Society then adjourned.

N. J. PALMER, 1st Vice Pres.

P. F. PESCU, Sec. pro. tem.

Report of the Secretary.

P. F. Pescud,		DR.
1849.	In account with the N. C. Baptist Pub. and S. S. Society.	
July 1.	By books received from Fayetteville Depository,	\$ 81 67
Oct. 1.	To books sold on credit 6 mo.	\$ 25 00
	Amount of books on hand,	56 67
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The Board of Managers passed a resolution in the early part of the present year not to purchase a further supply of books, nor employ an agent to dispose of books, until \$150 can be raised to pay the debt due the Depository Agent at Philadelphia. In consequence of which, no meeting of the Board has been called since the adoption of the above resolution.

P. F. PESCU, Sec.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE N. C. BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

ART. 1.—This Society shall be called the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School and Publication Society, and shall be auxiliary to the American Baptist and Publication Society.

ART. 2.—The object of this Society shall be the promotion of the ~~the~~ ^{the} interests of Sunday Schools and Tract distribution in North Carolina by the organization and encouragement of new schools, by the circulation of suitable books and periodicals, by awakening the energies of the denomination, and by the prosecution of such other measures as may be deemed expedient.

ART. 3.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Depositor Agent, and fifteen other persons, who together, shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of the necessary business of this Society, who shall be elected annually, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 4.—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar per annum, a Life Member by the payment of ten dollars, a Life Director by the payment of twenty-five dollars, and each Church shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars.

ART. 5.—Any Sunday School or Sunday School Tract Society, may become auxiliary to this Society by forwarding to the Corresponding Secretary an annual report of its condition, and may send two delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Society.

ART. 6.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine on, at which time they shall report their proceedings during the year, the officers shall be chosen and such other measures adopted as shall promote the interest of this Society.

ART. 7.—This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. P. White, W. H. Jordan, M. E. Young, Dr. L. M. Jiggitts, J. J. James, G. C. Chesley, J. McDaniel, Thomas Wilcox, A. D. Blackwood, W. S. Grandy, J. S. Purify, John W. Lacy, Wm. A. Shaw, C. W. Bessent, W. Parham, C. R. Hendrickson, Mrs. E. F. Hendrickson, J. R. Romer, E. W. Burges, A. J. Askew, J. W. Hurt, A. Jones.

Code Book

Wm. S. S.

FORM OF AN AUXILIARY

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Publication and Sunday School Society of _____ Church or town, the object of which shall be the encouragement of the circulation of religious books, tracts, and the establishment of one or more Sabbath Schools and Libraries.

2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and _____, and a Board of nine Managers, who shall be elected annually.

3. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary shall record its proceedings; the Treasurer receive, keep, and disburse its funds according to the order of the Society; and the Librarian shall be in charge of the Library.

4. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the parent State Society, one half to be returned for books at cost prices, and the other half devoted to the aid of distant Sabbath Schools and neighborhoods.

5. The Society shall meet annually, or oftener, at the call of one or more of its presiding officers. At the annual meetings one shall be selected to address the Society, or preach a sermon before it.

6. Any person may become a member of the Society by contributing annually to its funds, or a life member by the contribution at one time, of the sum of ten dollars.

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**Form of a bequest to the N. C. Baptist State Convention**

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for the objects of that Convention the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease."

If the donor desires it especially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or N. Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

N. J. PALMER, Secy.

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Form of a bequest to the Wake Forest College.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of N. Carolina, the sum of \$ _____ for the use and benefit of the Institution, to be paid by executor within two years after my decease."

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